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Edinburgh, Friday, December 16, 1726.

Edinburgh, Decem. 16. Yesterday before Noon, the London Post which should have come in Sunday Morning last, came to Town, and brought the following News, by a Dutch, a French, and two Flanders Mails.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Decem. 6.

THE Czarina, to thwart the Designs of the Poles, is sending numerous Garrisons into Courland, to hinder the Entrance of any Foreign Troops into that Dutchy, and likeways of sending a Commission to Mittau, to make a strict Enquiry after those concerned in the Election of Count Maurice of Saxony, and in a Grand Council of War resolved not only to augment her Army on the Frontiers of Courland, to 24,000 Men, but also march a considerable Body of her Troops to those of Poland.

Upon the whole, 'tis thought the Emperor will have a knotty Piece of Work on his Hands to prevent a Rupture between the Poles and the Muscovites, as he may likewise hope of keeping Peace with the Turks, when his Armies are employed in a War in Europe.

We lately acquainted you with the Prohibition made by the King of Spain, and now the Particulars of all the Manufactories of Great Britain, which the Emperor for his Part has prohibited to be imported into his Hereditary Dominions are published. As to the Stuffs made of Silk, which are still permitted, such heavy Duties are laid thereon that it is impossible to sell them. 'Tis strange, that the Powers abovementioned, instead of considering their own Circumstances, so as to incline them to a Peace, are giving all the Provocations they can for beginning a War.

P. S. By a Holland Mail just arrived, there are Letters from Vienna of the 30th past advising, That they had a Report there that Count Kinski was appointed by the Emperor to go the Court of France in Quality of Ambassador extraordinary, in order to engage that Crown to consent to holding a Congress to terminate amicably the Differences among the Potentates of Europe: Mean while 'tis said his Imperial Majesty has ordered his Troops to be augmented with 20,000 Men.

Devizes, Dec. 3. Our Regulators as they stile themselves, after they had left Meltham, being told by one of their Party, that Mr. H-----t of that Place should say he would make the Weavers eat Wash and Grains; they returned to his House last Thursday Night, and was so outragious That 'tis computed they did him 300 L. Damage. Our High Sheriff rode into the midst of them all, and read the Proclamation. The Rioters sent Word they would visit us Yesterday about Noon, we were in the utmost Consternation, hearing that a great Body of them was within a Mile and a half of the Town, and we concluded on shutting down our Windows and fastening our Doors; but to our great Joy, about one of the Clock arrived a Troop of Dragoons from Salisbury, by an Order in Council, signed on Wednesday Night, and a Party of Dragoons traversed the Town, and in all publick Places declared, that the Civil and Military Powers were to act in Conjunction to suppress all Tumultuous Assemblies, and to repel Force with Force. We cannot now hear any of them are in a Body.

They write from Dublin, that the Lord Chancellor of that Kingdom is dangerously ill. That on the 24th past Thomas Gripheth Esq; Deputy Master of the Rolls, died there, and on the 29th the Lord Clanreckard departed this Life. They add that Mr. Pennyfather a Gentleman, was committed to the Black Dog Prison, for killing Thomas Bryan formerly Butler to the Lady Blissington.

Some People are apt to think, That the Enemies to the Government do under Hand excite the Weavers to Tumults, &c.

Forces are preparing to be shipped off hence for Gibralter, where Admiral Hopson remains with his Squadron.

The Palatine Regiments have Orders to reinforce the Garrisons of Ghent and Brussels, against next Spring.

The Spaniards are assembling 6000 Seamen.

From the London Gazette, Dec. 6.

Madrid, Nov. 25. N. S. The Queen of Spain be-

being declared with Child, their Catholick Majeſties with the Royal Family, will leave the Eſcurial on the 27th Inſtant, and lie that Night at the Pardillo, and the next Day will come to reſide at the Royal Palace here. Orders have been ſent by Don Joſeph Patino, to all the Sea Coaſts of Spain, to inroll all the Spaniſh Sailors and Boatmen, according to the ſame Rule they are in France, in order to ſupply out of them as occaſion ſhall offer, his Catholick Majeſty's Ships of War. 'Tis believed, that the whole Number of them will not amount to more than 6000, out of which hardly the third Part can be reckoned actual Sailors. The Pope's Nuncio after having received Letters from France, went Yeſterday Morning to the Eſcurial, and at Night had a long Audience of their Catholick Majeſties. Letters from Cadix of the 19th Inſtant relate, that 250 Sailors were arrived from Majorca, to Man the Genoeſe Ship bought by the Marquis de Mari; and the Advice Boats prepared to be ſent to the Weſt Indies, are ſtill in that Harbour, waiting for Orders from Court.

Stockholm, Nov. 7. On the 6th Inſtant at Night the Muſcovite Ambaſſador arrived at Waxholm, about five Leagues from hence, whither the Envoy Count Gallowin, went down early the next Morning to meet him with a Barge, and the ſame Evening they came up together to Count Gallowins Lodgings, where he ſtayed that Night, and Yeſterday he dined at M. Ruchel's the Holſtein Envoy, from whence in the Evening he went firſt to the Houſe of Count Charles Bielke, which was hired for him two Months ago, and for which he is to pay 100 Ducats per Month. 'Tis ſaid he propoſes to notify this Day his Arrival to Count Banier, as Preſident at preſent of the Chancery, and deſire a Conference with him, in order to obtain an Audience of their Swediſh Majeſties.

From the Whitehall Evening-Poſt, Dec. 6.

Vienna, Nov. 27. We ſee all the Appearance of an approaching Rupture: The Emperor, as 'tis ſaid, will not hear any Propoſitions againſt the Oſtend Company, and is reſolved to give all Encouragement poſſible to their Trade, not only to the Eaſt Indies, but alſo to the Mediterranean, Baltick and Adriatick Seas.

Vienna, Nov. 30. Laſt Thurſday we had a Report at Court, that the Emperor had appointed Count Kinski to go Ambaſſador Extraordinary to France, to engage his Moſt Chriſtian Majeſty to conſent to the holding of a Congreſs, to terminate amicably all Differences which ſeem to tend to a Rupture in Europe; That three Towns had been already named for the Choice of One; and that the Vice-Chancellor of the Empire had talked to all the Foreign Miniſters about it: However, the Imperial Council of War have ordered the Troops to be augmented with 20000 Men. They have printed here all the Intrigues of the Duke de Riperda, who, 'tis pretended, has been Beheaded at Segovia.

London, Decem. 6. The Woman who was ſaid to bring forth Rabbits, was Yeſterday committed by Sir Thomas Clargis to the Cuſtody of the High Conſtable of Weſtminſter for a Fortnight; and ſhe had been ſent to Bridwell, but that the Patrons of this Impoſture contend ſtill, that ſhe is near her Labour of more Rabbits; tho' ſome Diſcoveries have already been made, during the ſtrict Examination ſhe has been under in Town. We hear that the Surgeon of Guilford who delivered her of 17 Rabbits, is bound over. Doctors and Surgeons are permitted to viſit her, but not under Three at a Time.

From the Evening Poſt, Decem. 6.

Madrid, Nov. 18. The Poſt which arrived here the 15th from Catalonia, Arragon and Valencia, was ſtript on the Borders of Arragon by 4 Horſemen with Vizard-masks on: They took out and read all the Letters directed to the Court, then tore them to Pieces. They alſo read Letters belonging to private Perſons, but returned them to the Courier, bidding him, in a bantring Way, go to the next Town and give Notice of what had befaln him.

The Troops of this Kingdom are continually marching and counter-marching, never knowing rightly what Place they are deſigned for, becauſe every now and then they receive new Orders in their Rout. Letters from Barcelona ſay, that the Court of France have prohibited the carrying of Proviſions out of Rouſſillon to Catalonia.

Vienna, Nov. 17. The continual Motion of Couriers between this Court and that of Pruſſia, makes People believe that weighty Negociations are on foot, wherein, 'tis ſaid, the Court of Wolfembuttle is alſo concerned.

Rome, Nov. 23. 'Tis certain, that the Imperial Troops in Italy will be reinforced next Spring to 50000 Men; Sufficient Magazines being already filling up in the Trentin and Mantuan. 'Tis confirmed,

firmed, that the Chevalier de St. George is to go and ſpend 2 Months at the Court of Parma.

Weſel, Decem. 11. They write from Flanders, that the French Garriſons, eſpecially theſe on the Frontiers, have been much augmented; and that his Moſt Chriſtian Majeſty deſigns to bring into the Field an Army of 80,000 Men aſſoon as the Seaſon will permit.

London, Decem. 6. The 3 Regiments that were on board the Squadron commanded by Sir John Jennings, have Orders to embark to reinforce the Garriſon of Gibraltar.

Yeſterday the Impoſture of the Woman from Godalmin was detected; after having pretended to have bred in her Body, and to have been delivered of near twenty Rabbits, thinking to continue thus to bring forth, and impoſe upon the World ſtill, ſent a Man to Market here, to buy one of the youngeſt Rabbits he could; who made Oath of the ſame before Sir Thomas Clargis: Upon which the Woman, her Siſter, and ſome others, were taken up, and upon being ſtrictly examined, owned the Fraud, and that they did it to get Money.

Circular Letters have been ſent to all the Peers, to attend the Service of the Parliament on the 17th of January next.

Some Troops are ordered to ſuppreſs the tiotous Cloathiers in Wiltſhire.

S. S. Stock, 99, 1 4th. Annuities, 92. India, 132, 1 half. Bank, 129. York Buildings, 7.

From the St. James's Evening-Poſt, Dec. 6.

Bruſſels, Decem. 6. On the 2d at Night a Courier arrived from Vienna; who went forward to London, after having delivered ſome Diſpatches to our Governeſs: who being awaked out of her Sleep on purpoſe to read them, called a Council early in the Morning, upon which a Detachment of our Garriſon was ordered to go and reinforce that of Oſtend, and all the Governors and Commanders in Town were immediately ordered to their Poſts. Her Serene Highneſs has been informed, by an Officer from the Commander of the Garriſon of Charleroy, that the French are reinforcing their Garriſons along the Sambre.

Hague, Decem. 8. 'Tis ſaid we ſhall fit out againſt next Spring 18 Men of War, to be emoloyed in the Baltick and Mediterranean.

Ratisbon, Nov. 25. In the Month of September laſt, at the Fair of Lintz, an Edict was proclaimed in the uſual Form by the Sound of Trumpet, intirely prohibiting the Importation into the Emperor's hereditary Dominions of the ſeveral Sorts of Engliſh Manufactures ſpecified in the following Liſt; as alſo of all Callicoes, or any other Goods brought from the Indies, and which the Company of Oſtend import into the ſaid Dominions.

A Liſt of the Manufactures, the Importation whereof into the Emperor's Hereditary Dominions is entirely prohibited.

Engliſh mix'd Serges (Cronraſh) of what Quality or Colour whatſoever; Engliſh Scarlet and Crimſon Serges, of whatever different Qualities; Engliſh Crapes for Womens Wear, London Serges, Mill'd Serges, Engliſh Druggets, Engliſh Bayes as well red as of other Colours, Engliſh Flannels, white or of any other Colour, of whatſoever Quality; Engliſh Calamancoes, Engliſh Shalloons; all Sorts of Woollen and Half-Silk Manufactures, of whatever Denomination, whether brought from England or Holland: All Callimancoes coming from the Indies or Holland, white or dyed, of whatever Quality; and all Sorts of Muſlins.

N. B. The Stuffs made all of Silk are ſtill permitted, but then ſuch heavy Cuſtoms are laid upon them, that it is almoſt impoſſible to ſell them.

Madrid, Nov. 15. Since the Publication of the Edict, by which the wearing of Foreign Silks, Stuffs, or Cloth, after ſix Months from the Date of the ſame is prohibited, People begin to ſay, that exporting of Spaniſh Silk and Wool will alſo be forbid. Letters from Barcelona ſay, that 300 Sailors have been ſhipp'd off there for Cadix, to be diſtributed among our four Men of War in that Port, bound for the W. Indies. The Abbot de Mongon is upon his Departure to return to Paris. The Marquis de St. Jago, and the Court cann't rightly agree about the Payment of the Sum he was to give for the Crown, which he lately purchaſed, out of which he pretends to deduct Money which was due to him by the Government, ſo that the great Sums that were expected from that Bargain may remain a pretty while unpaid.

London, Decem. 6. On Friday and Saturday laſt an Order of the Board of Admiralty was read on board all the Ships of War at Deptford, Woolwich, Chatham, Sheerneſs, &c. that returned from the Baltick; importing, That all ſuch Sailors as are willing to enter on board his Majeſty's Ships the Kent, Lenox, Royal Oak, Berwick, Tyger, and

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Portland, now sitting out at Portsmouth for Foreign Service, should be immediately discharged from their respective Ships, be paid their Wages before they sailed from England, be allowed Convoy-money to Portsmouth, &c.

Edinburgh, Decem. 16. Yesterday John Gibson, Wright in Canongate, was by the Rt. Honourable the Lords of Session, condemned to stand on the Trone the 18th of January next, betwixt the Hours of 10 and 12 before Noon, with his Ear nailed thereto, and a Paper affixed to his Breast, denoting his being Art and Part of the Crime of Forgery. He is thence to be carried back to the Tolbooth, there to remain for a certain Time, and be afterwards Transported, never to return again into this Kingdom: Which if he should do, he is then to be remanded to Prison for the Space of seven Years, and to be scourged Quarterly. After these seven Years, he is to be banished once more; and if he shall after all presume to return again, then he is to suffer Death.

They write from Dumbarton, That on the 13th Inst. came on the Trial of John Smith before the Baillie of the Regality of Lenox. He judicially confessed the Murder of his Wife and Sister, both with Child; That he had long premeditated the same; That after he had thrown his Sister into the Water, she recovered, and said, *The Lord preserve me!* Upon which he sunk her Head in the Water, by holding up her Heels; That when he was a-murdering his Wife, his Heart was like to fail him, till he made her provoke him by her Expressions. The Jury with one Voice brought him in *Guilty*, and he is to be Execute at Dumbarton the 20th of next Month, and his Body to be buried at the Place of Execution. He seemed unconcerned at the Sentence; and 'tis believed he has still something very strange to discover. There is a little Box still amissing, in which he told his Father-in-law there was what would take his life.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

¶¶¶ *That the Lands and Baronies of* LOUNAN, ÆTHIE, *and* NORTHTARRIE, to be set up at TWENTY Years Purchase, and reckoning the Victual over-head at Five Pounds Scots the Boll: *are to be exposed to Roup and Sale* on THIS Friday the Sixteenth of December Inst. *at three of the Clock in the Afternoon, in the House of Alexander Stuart Vintner in Edinburgh, either separately or altogether, as shall be determined at the Time of the Sale; and whereof the free Rent is as follows, viz. Of the Lands and Barony of* Lounan, 3 *Firlots, one Peck Wheat*; 77 *Bolls* 1 *Firlot*, 2 *Pecks Bear*; 172 *Bolls Meal*; 633 *L.* 6 *sh.* 8 *d Scots of Money-Rent*; 24 *Capons*; *beside* 156 *Poultry, not valued in the Rental. Of the Lands and Barony of* Æthie, 3 *Bolls Wheat*, 86 *Bolls Bear*, 119 *Bolls*, 2 *Firlots Meal*, 519 *L.* 13 *sh.* 4 *d. Scots of Money Rent*, 9 *Wedders*, 21 *Capons*, 78 *Elns of Linen Cloath, besides* 99 *Poultry, not valued in the Rental And of the Lands and Barony of* Northtarrie, 172 *Bolls*, 1 *Peck*, 2 *Lippies Bear*, 69 *Bolls*, 2 *Firlots Meal*, 262 *L.* 5 *sh.* 4 *d. Scots of Money-rent*, 16 *Capons*, 9 *Elns of Linen-cloth beside* 15 *Poultrey, not valued in the Rental. All the saids Lands, holding Blanch of the Crown, and lying upon the Sea, coast, near and about the Burgh of Aberbrothock; and the particular Rentals, Conditions of Sale, and Progress of the Writs, are to be seen in the Hands of William Mercer Writer in Edinburgh.*

Fishery-Office, Decem. 13. 1726.

The MANAGERS of the Fishing Copartnery give Notice, That they are to expose to Sale by publick Roup, at their Office in the Lawn-market of Edinburgh, upon the 31st Day of January next, at 3 after Noon, the Copartnery's LANDS of Peterhead, and some FEUS and FISH-BOATS in Stonehaven. The Rental and Conditions of Sale to be seen at the Copartnery's Office.

*** The Lands and Estate of PHALP, Upper and Nether Phalp, with the Teinds thereof, lying in the Parish of Etrick, Regality of Melrose and Sheriffdom of *Selkirk*; are to be sold by voluntary Disposition. Any who have a-mind to purchase, may enquire for Alexander Mitchel Writer to the Signet, at his Writing-chamber in Warison's Close, above Dalrymple's Office, who will shew them the Progress of Writs, and common with them on the Bargain.

§§§ The DIRECTORS of the BANK of SCOTLAND having certain Knowledge, that some wicked and malicious Person or Persons have been and are endeavouring to Counterfeit the Company's Twenty-shilling Notes, and to impose them upon innocent and honest Persons: These are therefore to desire all Persons to whom any Twenty-shilling Notes shall be presented, to look if the Words *BANK OF SCOTLAND* be in the Paper in it's proper Place, *above* the Treasurer's Subscription; but in case they observe the said Words be stampt on the *Back side* of the Note, and not to have been done originally with the Paper itself, they are not to receive the same, but to take special Notice and Knowledge of the Person who offers such Note, and to discover the same to the Treasurer of the Bank. And the DIRECTORS hereby faithfully promise to give a Reward of *One Hundred Pound Sterling* to any who shall discover and cause apprehend any Person guilty of or accessory to the said Forgery, so as he may be brought to condign Punishment, and the Discoverer's Name shall be concealed. This by Order of the COURT OF DIRECTORS. Signed by me DAVID SPENCE Secretary.

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